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SUBJ: TEXTILES - EXTENSION OF EXISTING BILATERAL AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 270346

1. GOM CONCURS IN REQUESTED EXTENSION OF EXISTING US/MALTA
BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT, BUT HAS RAISED FOLLOWING QUESTION:

A. NEGOTIATIONS: DOES US ENVISAGE EXPANDING BILATERAL TO
INCLUDE ALL TEXTILES (AS GOM WOULD FAVOR)? CAN US PROVIDE
DRAFT AGREEMENT IN ADVANCE?

B. MULTILATERAL FIBERS ARRANGEMENT: GOM ASSUMES ANY NEW
BILATERAL AGREEMENT WOULD COME UNDER ARTICLE FOUR OF MFA, BUT
IS NOT CLEAR ON EXACT STATUS OF BILATERALS, SINCE MFA IS
SUPPOSED TO PHASE OUT ALL RESTRICTIONS WITHIN TWO YEARS. GOM
REQUESTS CLARIFICATION OF PURPOSE OF NEW BILATERAL VIS-A-VIS
STATED MFA GOAL.

C. NON-SIGNATORY NATIONS: GOM NOT A SIGNATORY OF MFA AND
UNCERTAIN OF BECOMING ONE UNLESS CONVINCED OF ADVANTAGES. NO
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SPECIFIC MENTION IN MFA OF SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR LDCS IS MAJOR

CONCERN, I.E, UNRESTRICTED TRADE WOULD HIT (INFANT) TEXTILE INDUSTRIES IN LDCS HARDER THAN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. GOM WOULD APPRECIATE US VIEW OF MFA EFFECT ON A NATION WHICH DOES NOT BECOME SIGNATORY, BOTH WHEN IT HAS BILATERAL AGREEMENTS AND WHEN IT DOES NOT.

2. DISCUSSIONS WITH GATT SECRETARIAT HAVE NOT GIVEN GOM A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF WORKINGS OF MFA. GOM OFFICIALS, THEREFORE, WOULD APPRECIATE US COMMENTS ALONG LINES OF QUESTIONS RAISED IN PARAGRAPH 1.

3. GOM SHARES US INTEREST IN EXTENSION OF US/MALTA BILATERAL BELFORE EXPIRATION ON DECEMBER 31, 1974, AND IS PREPARED TO RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY UPON RECEIPT OF SUGGESTED NOTE. REQUEST DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE EMBASY TO TRANSMIT NOTE TO GOM. SMITH

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